

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract, paragraph [127] found at page 141, with the following amended Abstract:

5 [0127] A method and apparatus for dynamically balancing the loading of video data
storage devices ~~facilities containing video data files to facilitates~~ the transfer of the
video data files ~~or portions of video data files from a file server system to client~~
computing system. ~~The method for balancing a loading of a storage device~~
~~attached to multiple computing begins by acquiring a listing of locations and loading~~
10 of all segments of a requested video data ~~object including all copies of the~~
~~segments of the requested data object.~~ Those storage devices containing copies
of each segment of the video data ~~object having a least loading are selected.~~ If the
loading of the storage devices exceed their maximum capacity, ~~is greater than the~~
~~maximum loading for the storage devices,~~ the segment is divided into sub-
15 segments and stored to storage devices with minimum loading. The presence of
all segments of the requested video data ~~object is determined.~~ If there are missing
segments of the requested video data ~~object,~~ each of those missing segments is
assigned a file identification and file location, such that those missing segments are
retrieved from a back-up storage device and assigned to data storage devices
20 having the least loading. ~~The missing segments are retrieved from a back-up~~
~~storage device.~~ The segments of the requested data object are then transferred
for transfer to a requesting computer system.